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COAL
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COAL MAFIA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has taken steps to crack down on coal mafia active in various coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether fake coal linkage companies have been identified recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof,company-wise.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (Dr.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Whenever reports of any irregularities are received,the Government and the coal companies take necessary corrective measures. By introduction and revision of Purchase Manual, Civil Engineering Manual and Contract Management Manual,systems are being put in place to eliminate the possibility of any malpractice. Internal vigilance is stepped up to identify unscrupulous linked consumers by checking of their documents etc. Sale through e-auction has been introduced to eliminate/reduce the diversion of coal into black market. Assistance of State Governments is obtained to curb chances of pilferage of coal and illegal mining.

(c) & (d): A verification drive was initiated in December, 2004 for verification of documents to be submitted by industrial units of the non-core sector, for the purpose of ascertaining their credentials and proper utilization of coal by such units. The exercise is still under progress. Based on this drive, supplies to 721 units have been kept in abeyance. Company-wise details are as under:-

Name of subsidiary company	No.of units found to be worthy of drawing coal as on 1.11.04 (non-core sector)	No.of units presently drawing coal as on 1.4.05(non-core sector)
ECL	941	748
BCCL	816	461
CCL	209	171
WCL	367	352
SECL	300	187
MCL	29	27
NCL	55	55
NEC	5	0
CIL	2722	2001